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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE DISSIDENT REQUESTS U.S. ASSISTANCE

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SUMMARY: SELF-DESCRIBED EMISSARY FROM MOZAMBIQUE TRIBAL LEADER REQUESTED U.S. ASSISTANCE TO OVERTHROW SAMORA MACHEL. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT U.S. WOULD NOT INTERVENE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF MOZAMBIQUE. END SUMMARY.

1. DR. KAMATI PADIMBE MAHOSE, WHO DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS AN EMISSARY OF MACONDE CHIEF LAZARO KAVANDAME, WALKED INTO EMBASSY AUGUST 30. MAHOSE TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE HAD CONTACTED THE UNITED FRONT OF

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MOZAMBIQUE (FRENTE UNIDA DEMOCRATICA DE

MOCAMBIQUE-FUMO) AND THAT FUMO AND THE MOCONDE PEOPLE HAD THE SAME GOAL OF OVERTHROWING SAMORA MACHEL AND "HIS COMMUNIST SYSTEM." MAHOSE SAID THAT HIS ORGANIZATION WAS RECEIVING SOME ASSISTANCE FROM RHODESIA, BUT NEEDED HELP FROM A MAJOR POWER. HE REQUESTED FINANCIAL OR DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT FROM U.S. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT U.S. DOES NOT INTERVENE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND RECOGNIZES GOVERNMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE. MAHOSE SAID THAT HE WOULD RETURN TO MOZAMBIQUE VIA SPAIN AND PARIS, WHERE HE WOULD MEET WITH "AFRIQUE LIBRE."

2. MAHOSE GAVE INTERVIEWS TO PORTUGUESE NEWSPAPERS "A CAPITAL" AND "JORNAL NOVO" AUGUST 25 AND 26 (CLIPPINGS POUNCHED TO DEPARTMENT AND MAPUTO). THE "A CAPITAL" INTERVIEW WAS GRANTED OUTSIDE THE HOME OF DR. DOMINGOS AROUCA, LEADER OF FUMO. IN INTERVIEWS MAHOSE SAID THE FOLLOWING:

-- MACHEL'S POWER IS DISINTEGRATING, HIS LAST STRONG SUPPORT HAD COME FROM MINISTER OF DEFENSE CHIPANDE WHO HAS NOW ABANDONED MACHEL.

-- MACHEL IS PARTICULARLY WEAK IN THE CENTER AND NORTH AND DARES NOT TRAVEL IN THIS AREA. THE MACONDE PEOPLE FORCED THE LIBERATION OF THEIR CHIEF LAZERO KAVANDME FROM PEMBA PRISON.

-- FUMO LEADER AROUCA COULD BE THE LEADER OF A UNITED MOZAMBIQUE.

-- THE RHODESIAN INTERNAL WAR IS NOT THE CONCERN OF MAHOSE AND FELLOW DISSIDENTS. VERY FEW MOZAMBIQUE MILITARY ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE RHODESIAN CONFLICT.

-- IN ADDITION TO UPRISINGS IN MACONDE AREAS THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN SPONTANEOUS UPRISINGS IN INHAMBANE AND OTHER REGIONS.

-- MAHOSE COMES FROM MITEDA IN THE REGION OF MOEDA. HE ATTENDED COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY WITH THE LATE EDUARDO MONDLANE. HE HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH FRELIMO SINCE 1961. HE SERVED AS REPRESENTATIVE TO NYERERE AND NKRUMAH. HE FLED DAR ES SALAAM FOR ACCRA IN 1973.

3. COMMENT: MAHOSE SPOKE ENGLISH IN HIS MEETING
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WITH EMBOFF. HE APPEARED PHYSICALLY EXHAUSTED, BUT WAS WELL-DRESSED. HIS REACTION TO EMBOFF'S RESPONSE WAS WARNING THAT HIS GROUP COULD BE THE GOVERNMENT SOON. EMBASSY HAS NO WAY OF ASSESSING THE VALIDITY OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION, BUT MAHOSE'S ACCOUNT OF INTERNAL DISPUTES WITHIN FRELIMO IN MONDLANE'S ERA WAS GENERALLY ACCURATE.
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